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# Honey Bitter

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ERR... WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT...
I...GET ANNOYED WITH YOU, EVEN NOW
AND I JUST WANT TO PUT AN END TO THIS
.....
I GUESS... IT'S BECAUSE I NEVER FACED YOU HEAD-ON EVEN THOUGH WE HAD BEEN SEEING EACH OTHER AT WORK
WE ONLY TALK ABOUT WHAT WE DIDN'T DO THAT TIME
HAD I KNOWN WHAT YOU WERE THINKING...

EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT HAVE DISGUSTED ME...
I MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO OVERLOOK IT AND GET OVER THIS FEELING
.....
I SEE.
SO IT WAS MY FAULT, THEN.
.....
scratch scratch
SIGH
HE...HE LOOKS SO ANNOYED
MIND IF I HAVE A DRINK?
OH, SURE.
I'M NOT REALLY GOOD WITH THIS KIND OF TALK WITHOUT A DRINK
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?
NO, I'M GOOD.
RIGHT, YOUR ABILITY GETS OUT OF CONTROL WHEN YOU DRINK.
YEAH. I STAY AWAY FROM ALCOHOL WHEN I'M OUTSIDE.
OH, RIGHT.
THIS.
The Secret Potion
CAN I DRINK IT?
I WONDER ...
IF THERE'S ANYONE WILLING TO ALLOW THAT.
PROBABLY NOT.
puts away
Can I order?
Sure.

Are we really starting with that?
YOU'RE GOING QUITE A LONG TIME BACK.
FIRST, LET ME START OFF WITH YOUR CHILD-HOOD.
chatter
WELL THEN,
I'VE GIVEN IT A LOT OF THOUGHT... WHICH PART I SHOULD START WITH, THAT IS
chatter
Good evening!
I THINK I'LL JUST ASK YOU IN CHRONO-LOGICAL ORDER.
GO AHEAD, THEN.
I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF YOUR PARENTS WHEN I SAW THE MEMORIES OF YOUR CHILD-HOOD. I'M SORRY...
ACTUALLY,
WHEN I TRIED TO READ YOUR MIND LAST TIME,
YOU DON'T CARE... ALRIGHT.
WELL, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT THINGS THAT DON'T EXIST, ANYWAY.
I CAN'T RECALL CLEARLY... MY RELATIVES USED TO BADMOUTH THEM ALL THE TIME, SO I ONLY HAVE A ROUGH IDEA
It doesn't matter to me [illegible]
UH-HUH... YOU'RE DAMN GOOD.
NIJIHARA-SAN, DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR PARENTS?

WHEN YOU WERE SMALL DIDN'T YOU FEEL LONELY?
THEN WHAT ABOUT "HAPPINESS"?
I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED EMOTIONS LIKE "LONELINESS"
I SUPPOSE.
UP UNTIL RECENTLY I'VE LIVED WITHOUT FEELING ANYTHING EXCEPT FOR SOMETHING LIKE IRRITATION.
IT MIGHT ACTUALLY BE ONLY RECENTLY THAT I'VE BECOME AWARE OF THOSE EMOTIONS
UNTIL RECENTLY?
NO, I'M STILL PROBABLY UNAWARE
HOW OLD ARE YOU, YOUNG MAN?
I'M TWENTY WHY?
YOU LOOK FIVE TO SIX YEARS OLDER, THOUGH.
RIGHT BACK AT YOU
FOR THIS JOB, IT'S BETTER TO LOOK OLDER THAN TO LOOK YOUNGER, THOUGH.
TRUE.
APPARENTLY,
RIKI HAD REALLY SETTLED DOWN.
OLD-LOOKING PEOPLE COMFORT EACH OTHER.

BACK THEN, HE WOULD NEVER-TALK TO ME LIKE THIS
OKAY THEN
HOW DID YOU SPEND YOUR TIME WHEN YOU WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?
...AN INVESTIGATION?
I SPENT MOST OF MY TIME IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY
IT DIDN'T COST ANYTHING AND I HAD NOTHING BETTER TO DO SO I JUST KEPT READING RANDOM BOOKS
OF COURSE
WOW, THAT'S UNEXPECTEDLY DILIGENT OF YOU
ALL ALONE?
ALRIGHT... WHAT ABOUT OTHER THINGS LIKE PLAYING WITH YOUR FRIENDS?
FRIENDS ...?
UH, WHAT, YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THE WORD?
Are you an alien?
NO... I JUST FEEL LIKE I'M BEING INTERROGATED.
What does it matter to you?
OH, YOU NOTICED?

HONESTLY, I'M INTERESTED IN AN "UNREADABLE PERSON'S PAST" AS AN INVESTIGATOR.
I SEE.
Whatever
...
GETS UP
STARTLED
WHAT IS IT?
SHH!

ACK, NO WAY!
IT COULD BE TANUMA-SAN AGAIN!
EH, IT'S NOT HER, THEN
NO I'M SURE IT WAS A MAN. A SKINNY GUY
I WAS TAILED DURING THE DAY.
HE MIGHT STILL BE AROUND.
Welcome!
chatter
chatter
ANY IDEAS...?
THE SAME AS USUAL I HAVE TOO MANY
WELL, IT'S BEEN A FEW HOURS SINCE I SHOOK HIM OFF
SO IT SHOULD BE ALL RIGHT
SO, YOU MET ME AND THEN...
MHM
SORRY IN ADVANCE IF SOMETHING HAPPENS
OKAY I GOT IT.

...
NO.
YEAH...
NOT THAT.
AFTER WE BROKE UP YOU CAME TO THE OFFICE WITH A REQUEST—
HEY HEY HEY!!
YOU CAN'T LEAVE THAT OUT!
THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT PART!
TANUMA-SAN!!
I TOLD YOU! YOU'RE BEING TAILED BY HER!
ACTUALLY, THE ONE I TAILED IS YOU, SHIJIRI-CHAN! ☆
I wasn't swollen up this time my body just adapted to it! (She failed her diet again.)
IT'S YOU, BASTARD

...
NO WAY OUT
A MAN-HATER? HUH, STOP BEATING AROUND THE BUSH ALREADY.
IN SHORT, YOU'VE GOT SEX-PHOBIA, DON'T CHA?
Oopsy-daisy
WITH THAT POLITE WAY OF TALKING,
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO RESOLVE YOUR TRAUMA.
UHM...
AFTER YOU STARTED GOING OUT WITH NIJIYAN, YOU VISITED A GYNECOLOGIST, RIGHT?
Eh, uhm, that is...
DO YOU EVEN UNDERSTAND THE FEELINGS OF AN INNOCENT FIRST-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
WHO GOES TO A HOSPITAL ALONE BECAUSE HER PERIOD IS LATE?
Tanuma-san, you don't have to go that far...
DO YOU KNOW HOW SERIOUS THIS MATTER IS?
NO UH...

BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW ABOUT THIS?!
I HEARD IT FROM YOUR MOTHER.
SHE GOT A PHONE CALL FROM THE HOSPITAL.
WERE YOU PREG-NANT?
I WASN'T! I WASN'T!
WHEN DID YOUR PERIOD RESUME?
H-HEY!
PANICKY
YOU DON'T NEED TO ASK THAT.
IT'S AN IMPORTANT MATTER. YOU SHOULD TALK TO HIM ABOUT IT!
IF YOU CAN'T FORGIVE HIM FOR WHAT HAPPENED, AT LEAST ACCUSE HIM
I'M... I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!
UH, YOU SEE, RECENTLY MY BODY HAS GONE BACK TO NORMAL, ANYWAY.
IT'S STILL POSSIBLE TO SUE AN EX-BOYFRIEND FOR DATE RAPE OR DV.*
IT'S IN THE STATUTE OF THE COUNTRY.
*TN: DATING VIOLENCE.

WHAT DID YOU FEEL AFTER LISTENING TO THE TALK EARLIER?
Please, Stop it already ...
MORE LIKE YOU'RE STARTING TO FEEL SECURE SINCE YOU'VE STARTED DATING KUBO-KUN
ONLY RECENTLY?!
I...
I JUST THOUGHT, "I SEE."
LOOK STRAIGHT AHEAD.
SIGH
I'm sorry, but can I drink?
I want barley shochu
Things are starting to become unbearable without drinking.
OF COURSE! DRINK A LOT!
(Tanuma)
I HAD DOUBTS THAT YOU WERE ACTUALLY A ROBOT
HMM, WELL, YOU'RE HUMAN, ALRIGHT.

OOH, IF IT ISN'T SHURI!
EH...?
I'LL BE RIGHT WITH YOU
EXCUSE ME
ACK, YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SPIED ON SHURI!
At the request of Shuri's grandmother
I'M TANUMA, A PART-TIMER FROM OFFICE S
OH, YOU MUST BE "MINORI-CHAN"
RIKI-SAN?!
AH, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHAT A GATHERING!
WHAT A KANGAROO COURT YOU'VE GOT HERE!
I ought'a join then!
WE WERE JUST LOOKING BACK AT HER PAST AND LETTING THIS BASTARD REALIZE HOW EVIL HE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN
Am I stupid? Am I plain stupid?
AND ON THE SAME DAY AT THE SAME TIME?!
I-IT'S NOT LIKE I DIDN'T THINK OF THE POSSIBILITY BUT HOW COULD SHE GUESS I WOULD PICK THIS ONE OUT OF THOSE 4 RESTAU RANTS?!
Minori... Why?..
I TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS RESTAURANT! PLUS I'VE BEEN MEANING TO COME HERE FOR SOME TIME NOW!

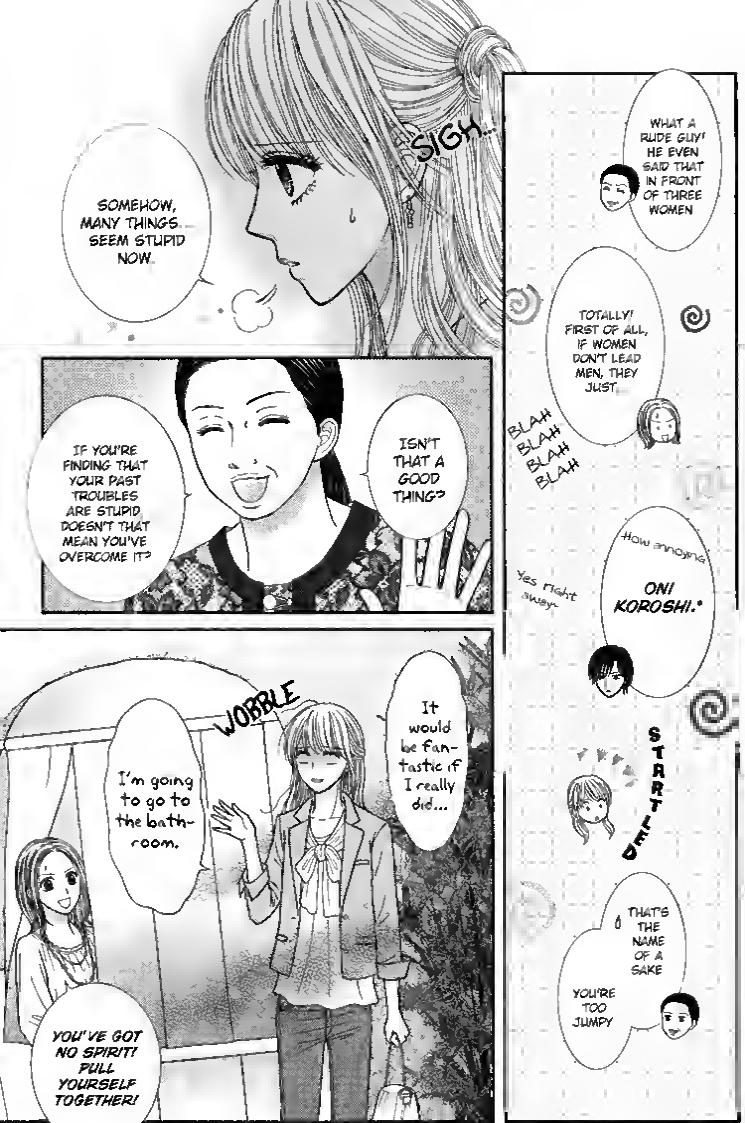
SHOULDN'T YOU BE WITH YOUR FRIENDS?
DON'T WORRY. IT'S JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE WE'VE GOT FIVE PEOPLE ANYWAY
WOW, WHAT A HEAVY CONVERSATION IS GOING ON HERE.
Too open!
SHE MUST SUCK AT THESE KINDS OF STORIES THE MOST...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
I'M NOT ALRIGHT.
Help me.
HM, BUT IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY, ISN'T IT?
SINCE YOU'RE HERE YOU SHOULD JUST GET IT OVER WITH.
GUYS, I'M FINE NOW!
IT'S ME WHO CHOSE THAT GUY!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...
BUT,
YOU SAID YOU HAD A HARD TIME UNTIL THE END BECAUSE OF HIS AGGRESSIVENESS AND VIOLENCE.
AND THEN YOU GUYS BROKE UP AFTER THAT ATTEMPTED RAPE INCIDENT

Yeah Yeah
IT'S A PITY SHE CAN'T DO IT WITH THE BOYFRIEND SHE FINALLY GOT...
BUT IT SEEMS TO HAVE TRAUMATIZED HER.
THEY DON'T KNOW MUCH ASIDE FROM WHAT THEY'VE SEEN IN PORN VIDEOS, SO THEY JUST DO IT BY FORCE
WELL, MOST YOUNG GUYS ARE BAD AT SEX.
YOU MUST HAVE SUCKED IN BED, RIKI-SAN
SPURT
IS-
ISN'T THIS WHERE YOU SHOULD DENY IT?!
I CAN'T DENY THAT.
WELL..

HOW COULD YOU
MAKE FUN OF THE YEARS OF TRAUMA
THAT I'VE SUFFERED?!
WHAT?!
AH, NOW SHE'S PISSED.
GO FOR IT! KICK HIS ASS! (Tanuma)
WH-WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN BY "PORN VIDEOS"?!
YOU'RE THE MOST EMBARRASSING ONE HERE
Are you drunk already?
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN WRAP UP WITH PRETTY WORDS
FINE.
L-LET ME ASK YOU THEN
DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT I RESISTED YOU?
YOU...
RESISTED?
YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THAT?!
Did you?

THEY SAY THAT EMOTIONALLY NUMB MEN ARE ALSO PHYSICALLY NUMB. I MEAN, HE COULD BE INSENSITIVE TO PAIN
I BET HER RESISTANCE WAS JUST CUTE TO HIM
Or maybe he was way stronger than her?
AH, SHE'S DEAD!
COLLAPSE
KINDA LIKE HOW AN ELEPHANT WOULDN'T NOTICE A MOSQUITO BITE.
OH, I DON'T REALLY FEEL PAIN THAT MUCH
I dunno why
WHAT'S WITH THAT "OH, I DON'T REALLY FEEL PAIN" SHIT ...?!
ROAAAR
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY TO ME?

NO NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT I WAS A LITTLE MISTAKEN
BUT IF YOU HAD ASKED ME BACK THEN...
YOU WERE AT A MIXER WHEN YOU FIRST CAME INTO THE SHOP I WORKED AT.
EH...
That was my first mixer ever. They asked me, so
AND YOU WERE PLAYING AROUND AT NIGHT
WHAT'S MORE, YOU FOLLOWED ME BACK TO MY PLACE WITHOUT HESITATION
IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO ASSUME THAT YOU WERE USED TO MEN, ISN'T IT?
HE MIGHT BE RIGHT
BESIDES, YOU WERE INEXPERIENCED, TOO
SHURI-CHAN IS THE ONLY GIRL WHOM YOU'VE EVER HAD A PROPER RELATIONSHIP WITH RIGHT?
I'm not sure if it was a proper one though.
TRUE.
REALLY?! I EXPECTED THAT YOU'D HAVE HAD MANY
WOMEN DEMAND TOO MANY THINGS
LIKE A BUNCH OF TEXTS OR PROMISES IT'S JUST ANNOYING
I DON'T NEED THEM.


SIGH...
SOMEHOW, MANY THINGS SEEM STUPID NOW.
ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING?
IF YOU'RE FINDING THAT YOUR PAST TROUBLES ARE STUPID, DOESN'T THAT MEAN YOU'VE OVERCOME IT?
WHAT A RUDE GUY! HE EVEN SAID THAT IN FRONT OF THREE WOMEN
TOTALLY! FIRST OF ALL, IF WOMEN DON'T LEAD MEN, THEY JUST...
BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH
How annoying.
Yes right away.
ONI KOROSHI.*
STARTLED
THAT'S THE NAME OF A SAKE
YOU'RE TOO JUMPY
It would be fantastic if I really did...
WOBBLE
I'm going to go to the bathroom.
YOU'VE GOT NO SPIRIT! PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!

*TN: ONI KOROSHI MEANS "DEMON SLAYER."

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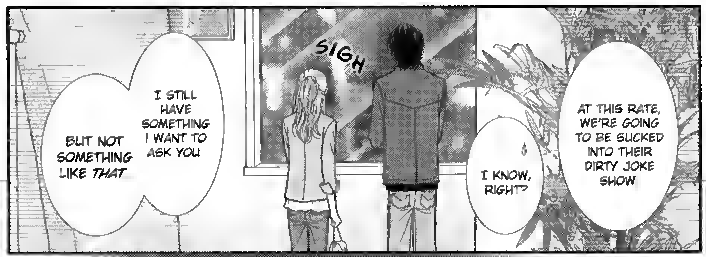
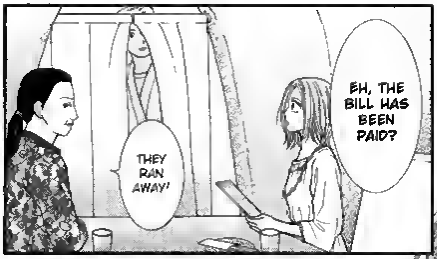
SPINNING
BAD IN BED
AN IDIOT WHO JUST USED HIS STRENGTH

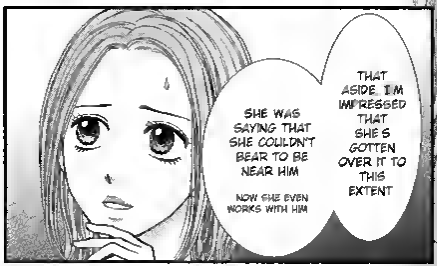

SIGH
I STILL HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO ASK YOU
BUT NOT SOMETHING LIKE THAT
I KNOW, RIGHT?
AT THIS RATE, WE'RE GOING TO BE SUCKED INTO THEIR DIRTY JOKE SHOW

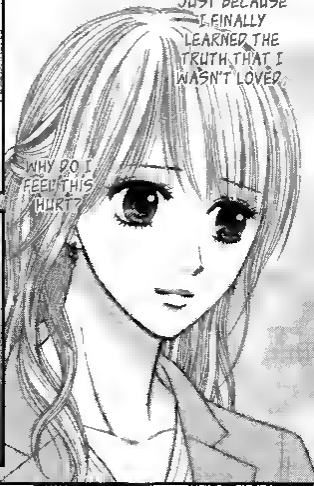
I FEEL LIKE...
I WAS ABLE TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HIM.

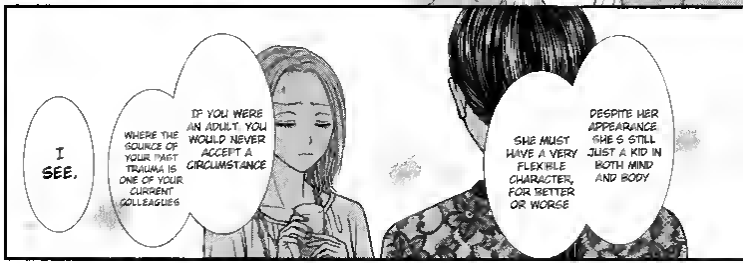
WE'LL GIVE THEM THE SLIP.
YOUR BAG?
I'VE GOT EVERY-THING.
ALL RIGHT.

Ku ku ku...
HA HA HA!
IDIOT!
Eh...
ARE YOU DRUNK?
I'M NOT, YOU DAMN RIKI.
"IDIOT" AND "RIKI" ARE SYNONYMS.
GET IT?
OKAY, OKAY. NOW YOU'RE REALLY PESTERING ME.
GEEZ.
I FEEL REALLY STUPID.
PEEP!
I HAD BEEN SCARRED BY THE PAST THAT I WASN'T LOVED. THAT MY ONLY PURPOSE IN HIS LIFE WAS TO SATISFY HIS LUST.
BUT TO HIM, I WAS JUST A PLAYTHING FROM THE BEGINNING.
AND I WAS THE ONE TO BLAME EITHER WAY.
HE DOESN'T EVEN REMEMBER
HOW MUCH I SUFFERED FROM HIS VIOLENT NATURE.


EH, THE BILL HAS BEEN PAID?
THEY RAN AWAY!


THAT ASIDE, I'M IMPRESSED THAT SHE'S GOTTEN OVER IT TO THIS EXTENT
SHE WAS SAYING THAT SHE COULDN'T BEAR TO BE NEAR HIM
NOW SHE EVEN WORKS WITH HIM


JUST BECAUSE I FINALLY LEARNED THE TRUTH THAT I WASN'T LOVED...
WHY DO I FEEL THIS HURT?


I SEE.
WHERE THE SOURCE OF YOUR PAST TRAUMA IS ONE OF YOUR CURRENT COLLEAGUES
IF YOU WERE AN ADULT, YOU WOULD NEVER ACCEPT A CIRCUMSTANCE
SHE MUST HAVE A VERY FLEXIBLE CHARACTER, FOR BETTER OR WORSE
DESPITE HER APPEARANCE, SHE'S STILL JUST A KID IN BOTH MIND AND BODY

I BET SHE'LL BE ABLE TO OVERCOME IT SOON.
SHE MIGHT LOOK WEAK, BUT SHE'S ACTUALLY STRONG
I THINK THAT SHURI-CHAN'S TRAUMA ISN'T THAT SEVERE...

YEAH
KUBO-KUN STILL DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW
I FEEL SORRY FOR HIM
BUT SHE'S STILL GROWING
AND SO IS NIJI-YAN
THAT'S TROUBLESOME
IN A SENSE KUBO-KUN IS THE MOST MATURE OUT OF ALL OF THEM, EVEN THOUGH HE LOOKS THE SILLIEST
KNOWING THE TRUTH ISN'T ALWAYS THE BEST
Studying
~~Studying~~ Daydreaming

WHERE SHOULD WE GO NOW?
WE BETTER AVOID THE PLACES THAT MINORI SUGGESTED
HEY.
EH?
Stay away!
THIS WAY.
I'M BEING TAILED AGAIN.
EH, BY WHOM?
ABOUT 20 METERS BEHIND THE ONE WITH A MASK.
HE'S A SKINNY GUY.
She's looking at his reflection on the phone screen.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?
SO FAR, NO.
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?

TURN
TAP TAP TAP
SWISH
IT'S MORE ANNOYING IF HE KEEPS FOLLOWING US

YOUR TAILING SKILLS COULD USE SOME PRACTICE.
BNNNNN
GRAB
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
.....

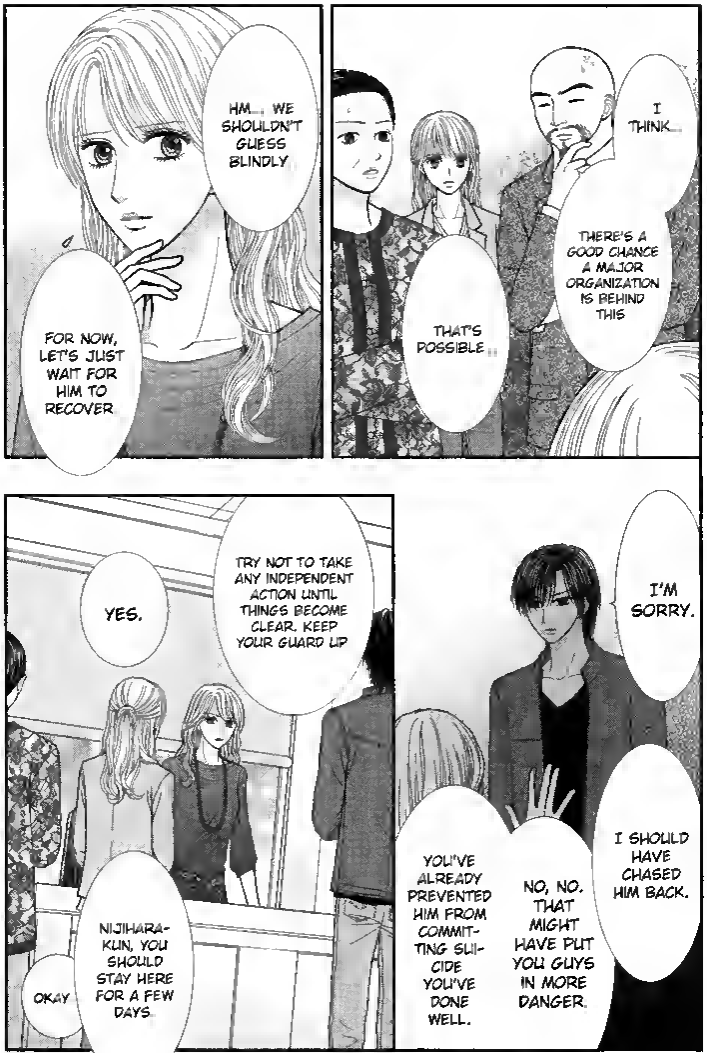
TAP
TAP
THIS WOMAN,
IS SHE READING ME HER JOB,
?
NO.
TAP
YES?
TAMA.
LAND
I GOTTA GO!
GO!
gasp
NO!
CYANIDE?
HE'S GOING TO EAT POISON!
CRUNCH

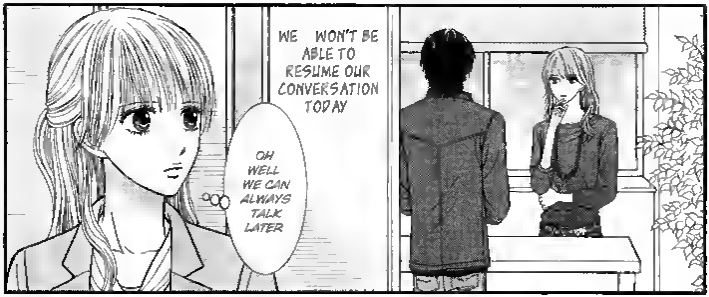
WHACK
WATER!
GULP
SHOOT! I COULDN'T READ HIM AT ALL!
WHACK
COUGH
I NEVER WOULD'VE IMAGINED THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT SUICIDE
SLOSH
DON'T BREATHE IN HIS EXHALATIONS!
I'LL CALL AN AMBULANCE AND THE MANAGER!
PLEASE!
COUGH

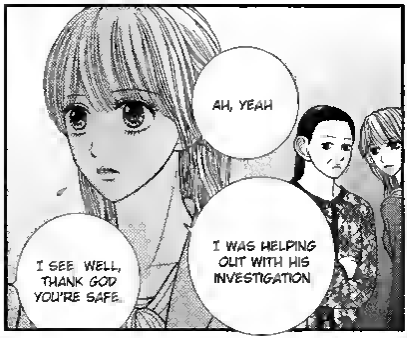
EDITOR'S NOTE: AED STANDS FOR "AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR."

GOOD. QUICKLY!
I FOUND AN AED* AT THE DENTAL CLINIC OVER THERE!
PUSH
PUSH
Please stay away from the body.
The device is charging

WEE-WOO
WEE-WOO
DONG
YES, NOW,
WE ARE RESUSCI-TATING HIM.
Yes. Yes.
office S
THEY SAY HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY IDENTIFICATION ON HIS PERSON
AS OF NOW, HE'S STILL UNCON-SCIOUS
HE'S BEEN POISONED DUE TO INGESTION OF POTASSIUM CYANIDE
WHAT'S MORE, HE SEEMED TO KNOW ABOUT SHURI'S ABILITY
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S STRANGE.
TAKING HIS OWN LIFE FOR BLOWING HIS COVER...


HM... WE SHOULDN'T GUESS BLINDLY.
FOR NOW, LET'S JUST WAIT FOR HIM TO RECOVER.
I THINK...
THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE A MAJOR ORGANIZATION IS BEHIND THIS.
THAT'S POSSIBLE...
I'M SORRY.
I SHOULD HAVE CHASED HIM BACK.
NO, NO. THAT MIGHT HAVE PUT YOU GUYS IN MORE DANGER.
YOU'VE ALREADY PREVENTED HIM FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE YOU'VE DONE WELL.
TRY NOT TO TAKE ANY INDEPENDENT ACTION UNTIL THINGS BECOME CLEAR. KEEP YOUR GUARD UP.
YES.
NIJIHARA-KUN, YOU SHOULD STAY HERE FOR A FEW DAYS.
OKAY


WE WON'T BE ABLE TO RESUME OUR CONVERSATION TODAY
OH WELL WE CAN ALWAYS TALK LATER

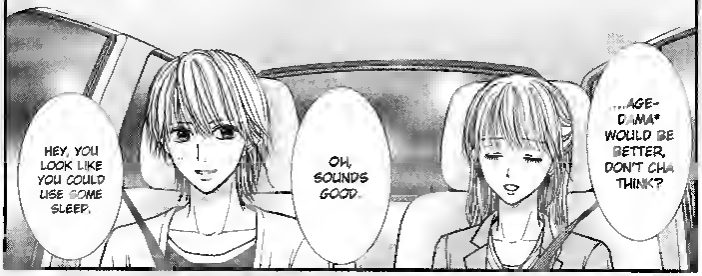

AH, YEAH
I WAS HELPING OUT WITH HIS INVESTIGATION
I SEE. WELL, THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE.

NIJIHARA-SAAAN I'M GOING TO RUN AN ERRAND
DO YOU WANT ME TO GET YOU ANYTHING? A CHANGE OF CLOTHES?

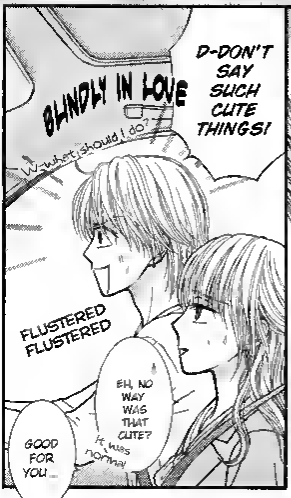
IT MUST HAVE BEEN TOUGH. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH
WERE YOU WORKING ON A CASE WITH NIJIHARA-SAN?

AH, CAN I TROUBLE YOU, THEN?
YUP! JUST TEXT ME WHAT YOU NEED.
OKAY.
KUBO-KUN, YOU SHOULDN'T GO OUT ALONE, EITHER.
DID YOU HEAR THAT, SHURIRIN? ♡
YEAH, I'M COMING.
WOOSH
ALL CLEAR, NO ONE'S FOLLOWING US.
YEAH, GOOD.

I'VE BEEN BRAINSTORMING IDEAS FOR THE SHIRI-DONBURI* EVERY DAY.
AH, BY THE WAY...
REALLY? COOL! ♪
*T/N: DONBURI IS A BOWL MEAL
DRIED WHITE-BAIT?
WHAT ABOUT CHEESE?
DO YOU LIKE DRIED BONITO?
I LIKE THEM TOO ♡
OF COURSE!
I LOVE IT! ♪
BUT I'M NOT SURE IF YOU COULD MIX THEM UP...
So you WERE going to mix them?!
YOU DON'T LIKE IT?!
INSTEAD OF CHEESE...
WOOSH
AHAHA
IT'S NOT SAFE OUT THERE... OR MORE LIKE, IT'S DANGEROUS
ARE THEY TARGETING NIJIHARA-SAN?
WOOSH
I'M NOT SURE...
HOPEFULLY WE'LL GET SOMETHING OUT OF THAT SPY




T/N: AGE-DAMA IS BITS OF FRIED BUTTER.

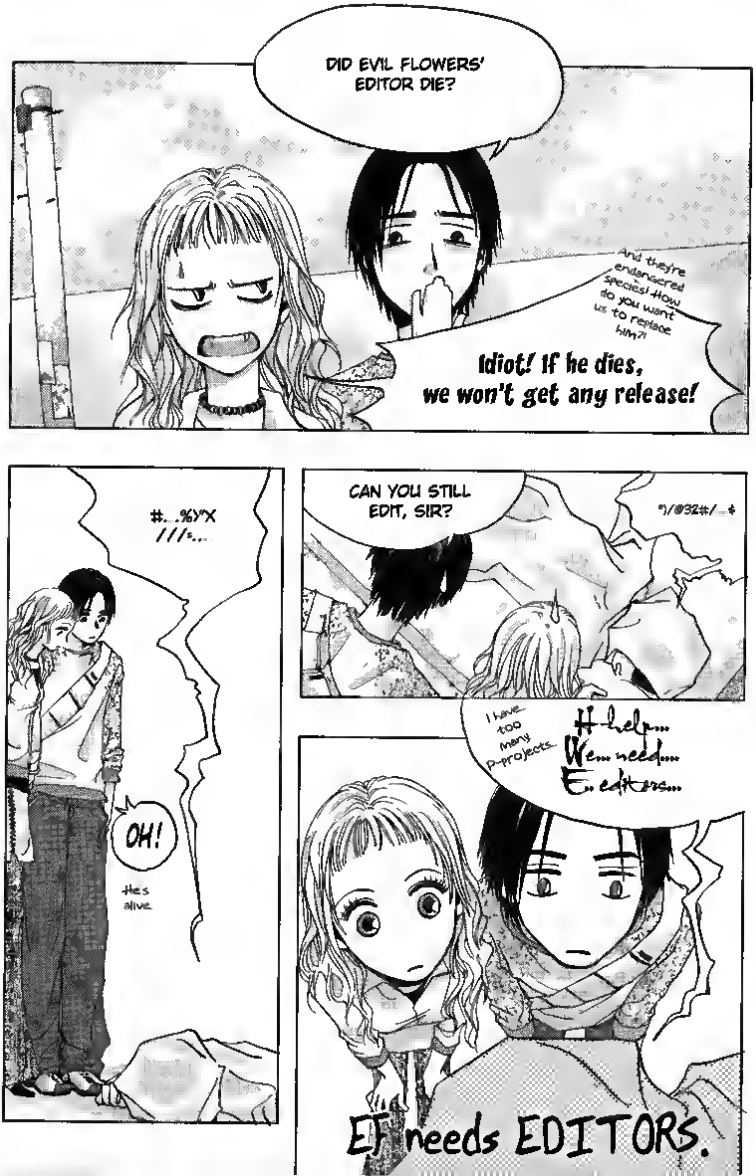


LET'S GO FOR A DRIVE!
SOUNDS GOOD I WANT A CHANGE OF PACE
WE'RE NOT BEING TAILED ANYWAY
I THINK I'LL TAKE THE LONG WAY BACK ♪
I THINK THAT HE'S USED TO IT
AND THAT HE'S ALSO PROBABLY GOOD IN BED
EVERY TIME YOU TOUCHES ME

EVIL SHURI 2
THIS ISN'T GOOD
gasp
I SHOULDN'T COMPARE YOUTA WITH HIM OVER SUCH A THING.
COULD THOSE TWO HAVE INFLUENCED ME?
OR AM I AN EVIL WOMAN?
BUT THAT PERSON...
WAS REALLY SELFISH AND INEXPERIENCED.
I DON'T WANT TO CONTINUE IN THE CAR...
Someone might see us from the outside.
O-OH, RIGHT... SORRY
HEY. YOUTA
HEY.
AH—
WHOOSH
OH? BUT,
THE MENTAL FATIGUE IS GONE NOW
IT'S NOT MY IMAGINATION
Nevermind
Haaah~ Shurin was so delicious~
IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE INSIDE A CAR. IT'S THE CAR!
VROOM
I GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY. Sorry sorry ☆
WELL Yeah.

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
I ALWAYS HOOK UP WITH YOUTA WHEN I'M TIRED SO THE FATIGUE WILL GO AWAY
NOW I GET IT
YOUTA'S ENERGY IS REALLY AMAZING
IT'S LIKE A REFRESHING TONIC
YOU JUST WHISPERED SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT. DIDN'T YOU?!
hey, hey!
NUZO
IT WAS NOTHING WATCH THE ROAD
AH, IT'S THE MANAGER
OKAY... WE'RE COMING BACK RIGHT NOW
EH?!
FLUSTERED
FLUSTERED
HELLO?
YES

EH?!
HE HANGED HIMSELF BY THE BED OF HIS HOSPITAL ROOM SOON AFTER HE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS
THAT SPY FROM EARLIER...
WHAT DID SHE SAY?
WHAT THE HELL WERE THE POLICE DOING?!
THEY SHOULD HAVE PREDICTED THE RISK! EVEN I'D KNOW THAT MUCH!
SAHO-SAN IS PRETTY ANGRY, TOO...
YEAH...
FOR NOW, THE MEANING OF THESE BAD OMENS...
REMAIN SHROUDED IN MYSTERY...
WHOOSH


DID EVIL FLOWERS' EDITOR DIE?
And they're endangered species! How do you want us to replace him?!
Idiot! If he dies, we won't get any release!
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OH!
hes alive
CAN YOU STILL EDIT, SIR?
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I have too many projects.
H-help... We...need... E-editors...
EF needs EDITORS.